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# La Jolla area PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS Newsletter

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## New Year Brings Important Water and Sewer Project to La Jolla

Local residents and businesses in La Jolla can soon look forward to having improved water and sewer service. The City of San Diego's Water, Engineering and Capital Projects and Metropolitan Wastewater Departments are now preparing to replace the existing water main and install a new sewer force main on Torrey Pines Road between Calle De La Plata and Exchange Place.

The upcoming Torrey Pines Road Water and Sewer Improvement Projects are key components of this effort. The water main replacement portion of the project is being expedited due to the recent history of main breaks and the deterioration of the existing water main due to age, use, and corrosive soils. The Torrey Pines Road Water Main Replacement Project will replace approximately one mile of 16-inch cast iron water main along Torrey Pines Road between the intersection of La Jolla Shores Drive and Avenida De La Playa and the intersection of Torrey Pines Road and Exchange Place. (See map on page 3.)

The Project includes installation of approximately one mile of 16-inch sewer force main along Torrey Pines Road. This portion of the project begins at the intersection of Paseo Del Ocaso and Camino Del Reposo heading south to Calle De La Plata and extends south to Torrey Pines Road, continuing on to Exchange Place. This pressurized main will serve as a

backup to the Sewer Pump Station 27 discharge pipeline and improve wastewater system reliability.

The first signs of construction activity began in early December as the project contractor, BRH-Garver, Inc. and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) began several weeks of preliminary work to clear the way for the new water and sewer mains.

During this initial work period, SDG&E is relocating a six-inch gas line at night, between Calle De La Plata and Little Street. The project contractor will perform daytime sewer work Monday through Friday along Calle De La Plata and Paseo Del Ocaso.

In January 2002 crews will start replacing the existing water main between Exchange Place and Calle De La Plata. This work will take place Sunday through Thursday nights, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Additional work to install the back-up sewer force main along Calle De La Plata and Paseo Del Ocaso will occur at the same time.

The current construction schedule calls for this phase of the water and sewer main replacement project to be complete in summer 2002. Crews will then resurface the entire width of Torrey Pines Road, Calle De La Plata and Paseo Del Ocaso.

You are invited  
to attend a  
Community Open House

Wednesday, January 9, 2002  
Come by any time between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
La Jolla Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue

For more information about this meeting  
please call (619) 533-7539.

## High-line Pipes

As part of the construction process, high-line pipes are installed in order to provide uninterrupted water service to customers while construction is taking place. High-lines are water pipes that are temporarily installed along the curb face and attached by a rubber hose to your water meter.

These temporary pipes will supply water to homes and businesses as the old water mains are replaced. Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure when high-lines are in use. The water in these lines may also heat up during the day, much like the water in a garden hose that is warmed by the sun.

Because high-lines are placed above the ground, motorists and pedestrians should exercise caution around them. For added safety, an asphalt mixture is placed over high-lines where they cross driveways and other high traffic areas. If you see a high-line leak or break, please report it to the Water Department's 24-hour Emergency Services line at (619) 515-3525. ■

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this and other important  
Water Department  
Infrastructure Projects taking  
place throughout  
San Diego can be found  
online at:  
[www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water)

For more information about these La Jolla area  
public improvements please call the Torrey Pines  
project information hotline at (619) 533-7539.

# Ardath Road Improvements Coming

Most locals know the primary routes for vehicular access to the La Jolla community are Ardath Road, Torrey Pines Road, and La Jolla Shores Drive. These roads handle 70,000 vehicles per day and the intersection where they meet is the second busiest in the City. Current traffic volumes exceed existing capacity and result in frustrating delays and unsafe conditions. If left as-is, increasing congestion at the existing intersection will only further delays.

The Ardath Road Improvements Project will include the reconfiguration of La Jolla Shores Drive, Torrey Pines Road, Ardath Road, Hidden Valley Road and the Ardath Access Road. By geometrically reconfiguring the area leading to this intersection, adding a new traffic signal at Hidden Valley Road, reducing and eliminating some traffic movements, and coordinating signal timing, it is anticipated that delays will be significantly reduced. (See map on page 3.)



This project was planned in coordination with the La Jolla Traffic and Parking Task Force to improve roadway conditions and consists of four phases:

**PHASE 1** June 2001 to January 2002

**Torrey Pine Trees Relocation:** Progress is currently being made towards moving 17 Torrey Pine trees in order to accommodate the new roadway configuration. These trees will be cared for in the interim and ultimately reincorporated back into the final landscape design.

**PHASE 2** February 2002 to May 2002

**Water and Sewer Main Replacement:** Water and Sewer lines will be replaced along sections of La Jolla Shores Drive, Torrey Pines Road, Ardath Road, Hidden Valley Road and Ardath Access Road. Construction will take place between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. to accommodate daytime traffic. (See related article on page 1.)

**PHASE 3** April 2002 to April 2003

**Road Reconfiguration and Landscaping:** This phase will reconfigure the intersection of Ardath Road, Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla Shores Drive, and Hidden Valley Road. During construction two lanes will remain open in each direction. Construction will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**PHASE 4** Spring 2003

**Landscaping:** Final landscaping will be done along Ardath Road and Torrey Pines Road, including the replanting of the 17 Torrey Pine trees moved in Phase 1. ■

## Looking Ahead

A future phase of drinking water service improvements being planned for the La Jolla area will include the Torrey Pines Road/La Jolla Boulevard Water Main Replacement Phase II. The project will replace nearly four-miles of existing 16-inch cast iron main installed in the early 1920's with a new 16-inch PVC main.

The project is currently in the design phase and will include pipeline replacement on Torrey Pines Road,

from Exchange Place south to Girard Avenue, then head west on Pearl Street to Fay Avenue where it then heads south to Westbourne Street.

On Westbourne the pipe heads west to La Jolla Boulevard and then south to Mesa Way. A final phase extends on La Jolla Boulevard south from Camino De La Costa to Mission Boulevard and ends at Pacific Beach Drive. ■

# Torrey Pines Road Water and Sewer Improvements Project



# Torrey Pines and Ardath Roads Intersection Reconfiguration

